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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

FACILITY USE LICENSE CONTRACT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION (FAIRPLEX) IN POMONA, CALIFORNIA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC AUCTION OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY (FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

## JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Approve a facility use license contract for the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC) for the use of Building 8 at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds in Pomona (Fairplex) on February 10, 13, and 14, 2006 in order to conduct a public auction sale of defaulted property subject to the power of sale.
- 2. Instruct the Chief Administrative Officer or his designee to execute the facility use license contract and authorize payment in the amount of \$8,336 with an additional \$1,000 contingency fee to be paid if unanticipated expenses occur for use of the facility.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to enable the TTC to conduct a tax sale during Calendar Year 2006. The TTC will be submitting a resolution for approval of the tax sale to your Board in October 2005.

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Customarily, TTC conducts tax sales twice a year, most recently in August 2005 pursuant to a license contract approved by your Board on November 30, 2004. The Fairplex facility is an ideal venue for these auctions because of its location and capacity to accommodate the number of anticipated attendees.

#### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Recovery of delinquent taxes is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan goal of Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4). Additionally, providing an adequate and comfortable place to conduct the auction is in compliance with the goal to provide accessible and quality services to the public (Goal 1).

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The County will incur a one-time rental cost of \$8,336 in order to provide adequate space to conduct a public auction of tax-defaulted property that will enable the TTC to recover back property taxes, penalties and costs on delinquent parcels.

There are no County facilities available that are capable of accommodating the anticipated 2,000 attendees.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Each year, TTC publishes a list of the tax delinquent properties to be sold in compliance with Section 3361 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. This code requires publication of the tax-defaulted properties on or before June 8. Properties that remain tax-defaulted on July 1 are subject to sale for non-payment of taxes. TTC subscribes to a newspaper service that facilitates the dissemination of information concerning the available defaulted properties. The list of defaulted properties was published on May 16 and May 23, 2005, in various local newspapers with general circulation in the geographic areas in which the properties are located. Upon receiving authorization from your Board in October of 2005 to conduct the tax sale, the TTC will proceed with conducting the sale in February 2006. TTC estimates that approximately 1,200 tax-defaulted properties will be offered for sale to an anticipated group of more than 2,000 attendees.

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### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The site selected to conduct this sale should enhance the sale of the various delinquent properties by providing adequate space to accommodate an anticipated group of 2,000 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

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